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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: MICROBIOLOGY (01.07)
WHITELEY/SEREGIN AUGUST 21 TELCON

REF: A) MOSCOW 19657, B) MOSCOW 19309

1. SEREGIN PLANS TO CALL WHITELEY ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO GIVE DATES FOR VISITS IN FOLLOWING PARAS 3 AND 4, AND ARRIVAL DATE FOR USSR RESEARCH FELLOW KOZLOV (STATE 164888).
 2. MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP (REF B): SEVERAL US/WG MEMBERS ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN MEXICO THE FIRST HALF OF OCTOBER. MEETINGS OR HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES PRECLUDE ANY TIME FRAME BETWEEN MID-OCTOBER AND END OF DECEMBER. SEREGIN APPARENTLY NOT TOO CONCERNED REGARDING DELAY IN SCHEDULING, AND WILL DISCUSS WITH SHENDEREY THE
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SUGGESTION BY WHITELEY THAT MEETING BE HELD THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY 1979.

3. US RESEARCH FELLOW SWARTZ (01.0702): SWARTZ MUST RETURN TO US BY MID-DECEMBER TO BEGIN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT. LATE SEPTEMBER ARRIVAL (MOSCOW 17547) WOULD NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO COMPLETE BOTH LONG-TERM

RESEARCH AND SHORT-TERM LAB VISITS. ALTHOUGH WHITELEY DISCUSSED WITH KOTOV THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPTEMBER 12 ARRIVAL, FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO LENINGRAD, KIEV AND RIGA PRECEDING THE FIVE-WEEK RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT INSTITUTES IN KAZAN AND PUSCHINO (STATE 200087), SHE DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT WITH SEREGIN. AS SEREGIN PLANS TO DISCUSS AT MONTH-END WITH BOTH YENEKEYEV AND EROSHIN THE PROGRAM FOR SWARTZ' VISIT, WHITELEY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONVEYING FOREGOING TO SEREGIN AND EXPRESSING HER HOPE THAT VISIT CAN BEGIN NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 12.

4. US RESEARCH FELLOW TROOST (01.0703): DEBABOV, INSTITUTE OF GENETICS AND SELECTION OF INDUSTRIAL MICROORGANISMS, APPARENTLY HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE TROOST DURING THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER. (WHITELEY WISHES TO HAVE WRITTEN SOVIET CONFIRMATION OF DATE FOR AND PROGRAM OF VISIT. IF RESPONSE TO WHITELEY LETTER (STATE 164888) NOT RECEIVED BY MID-SEPTEMBER, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FOLLOW-UP WITH MINBIOPROM.)

5. COMMUNICATIONS: SUBJECT RAISED BY WHITELEY WHO INQUIRED HOW COMMUNICATIONS MIGHT BE IMPROVED. SEREGIN AGREED THERE HAD BEEN DIFFICULTIES. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE EMBASSY NO LONGER PICKS UP MESSAGES AND THAT MINBIOPROM HAS DIFFICULTY FINDING SOMEONE TO DELIVER
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COMMUNICATIONS TO EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE EMBASSY HAD EVER PROVIDED A "PICK-UP SERVICE," AND WOULD APPRECIATE SCIOFF DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET SECRETARIAT REGARDING ASSISTANCE ITS OFFICE MIGHT RENDER MINBIOPROM.
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